

Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA) 01/01/2006 to 03/31/2006

National Forests in Alabama

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Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact			
National Forests in Alabama I	Bankhead Ranger District (exclu	ding Projects occurring in more	than one District)		R8 - Southern Region			
Bankhead FY06 Mechanical Fuels Reduction DM	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels manage	In Progress: Scoping start 08/20/2005	Expected:02/2006	04/2006	Mike Cook 205-489-5111 mcook01@fs.fed.us			
		ons of fuels, improve wildlife habita Ranger District. STATE - Alabama			•			
Bankhead National Forest FY07 Prescribed Burns DM	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels manage	In Progress: Scoping start 05/07/2005	Expected:09/2005	10/2006	Mike Cook 205-489-5111 mcook01@fs.fed.us			
	Description: Reduce accumulations of fuels, improve wildlife habitat and restore and enhance native ecosystems Location: UNIT - Bankhead Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Lawrence, Winston. Bankhead National Forest.							
Commercial Thinning - Compartment 30, Stand 5 DM *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest produ	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 12/2005	Expected:02/2006	03/2006	Glen Gaines (205)489-5111 ggaines@fs.fed.us			
NEW EIGHNO	Description: Commercial Thinning to reduce the risk of Southern Pine Beetle Location: UNIT - Bankhead Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Section 26 & 27, T8S,							
	R7W. Bankhead Ra	anger District - Compartment 30, St	and 5.	I	I			
Linear right of way DM	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping start 12/11/2004	Expected:12/2005	02/2006	Karen Pulliam 205-489-5111 kpulliam@fs.fed.us			
	Description: Underground locati	on of water line						

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R7W. Bankhead Ranger District.

UNIT - Bankhead Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Winston. LEGAL - S21, 27 & 28, T11S,

Location:

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Linear right of way for underground water line DM	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping start 12/11/2004	Expected:07/2005	07/2005	Karen Pulliam (205)489-5111 kpulliam@fs.fed.us		
	Description: Linear right of way f	or underground water line to Curry	Water Authority				
	Location: UNIT - Bankhead F Bankhead National	Ranger District. STATE - Alabama Forest.	. COUNTY - Winsto	on. LEGAL - S13 8	k 14, T11S, R8W.		
Midstory, Wildlife opening and Restoration	 Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants Vegetation management (other than forest products) Fuels manage 	In Progress: Scoping start 06/25/2005	Expected:01/2006	03/2006	Tommy Counts 205-489-5111 tcounts@fs.fed.us		
	Description: Treatment of midstory for fuels management, wildlife management and desired future conditions. Treatment of wildlife opening for rehabilitation. Treatment of southern pine beetle spot for restoration to shortleaf pine						
	Location: UNIT - Bankhead Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Winston. LEGAL - Sections 4,5,6,8,9,16 &17, T9S, R7W. Bankhead National Forest.						
Overhead power distribution line DM	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping start 12/11/2004	Expected:07/2005	07/2005	Karen Pulliam (205)489-5111 kpulliam@fs.fed.us		
	Description: Overhead power distribution line to Alabama Power Co.						
	Location: UNIT - Bankhead Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Winston. LEGAL - S17, T12S, R7W. Bankhead National Forest.						
Road easement EA	- Special use management	In Progress: 215 Comment period legal notice 08/27/2005 Estimated 218 objection 09/2005	Expected:10/2005	11/2005	Karen Pulliam (205)489-5111 kpulliam@fs.fed.us		
	Description: Road easement 3.2	4 acres					
	Location: UNIT - Bankhead F Bankhead National	Ranger District. STATE - Alabama Forest.	. COUNTY - Winsto	on. LEGAL - S36,	T10S, R7W.		

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Road easement EA	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping start 12/11/2004 Estimated 215 comment 10/2005	Expected:12/2005	02/2006	Karen Pulliam (205)489-5111 kpulliam@fs.fed.us			
	Description: Road easement 4.4							
	Location: UNIT - Bankhead I Bankhead National	Ranger District. STATE - Alabama Forest.	a. COUNTY - Winsto	on. LEGAL - S1, T	9S, R7W.			
Walston Ridge Oak Woodland Restoration DM	Wildlife, Fish, Rare plantsVegetation management(other than forest products)Forest produ	In Progress: Scoping start 02/12/2005	Expected:09/2005	04/2006	Kathryn Wallace (205) 489-5111 kwallace@fs.fed.us			
		Description: To restore part of the Walston Ridge area to an oak woodland native community type and to provide suitable habitat for migratory and resident bird species						
	Location: UNIT - Bankhead I Service Roads 245	Ranger District. STATE - Alabama and 253.	a. COUNTY - Winsto	on. LEGAL - S6, T	9S, R7W. Forest			
Wilderness Trailheads EA	- Recreation management	In Progress: 215 Comment period legal notice 08/17/2005	Expected:11/2005	02/2006	Mike Cook 205-489-5111 mcook01@fs.fed.us			
	Description: Construct and relocate Borden and Braziel Creek trailheads at the Sipsey Wilderness area							
		Ranger District. STATE - Alabama ad National Forest, Borden and Bra			2, T8S, R8W; S12,			
Wildlife Habitat Improvement Opening Construction and Expansion	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping start 04/16/2005	Expected:01/2006	02/2006	Tommy Counts 205-489-5111 tcounts@fs.fed.us			
DM		or expand wildlife openings across to opping or mulching.	the district. Treatment	methods may incl	ude timber sales,			
	Location: UNIT - Bankhead I Forest.	Ranger District. STATE - Alabama	a. COUNTY - Lawre	nce, Winston. Bar	nkhead National			

National Forests in Alabama	Conecuh Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R8 - Southern Region
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National Forests in Alabama (Conecuh Ranger District (excludi	ng Projects occurring in more th	nan one District)		R8 - Southern Region			
Longleaf Restoration - Phase II	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest produ	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 03/2006	Expected:12/2006	01/2007	Timothy Knight 334-222-2555 tcknight@fs.fed.us			
	site species to resto	Description: The Longleaf Restoration EIS (1999) documents the need for a 30-year program to complete conversion of off-site species to restore the native longleaf ecosystem and proposed the first 5-year plan of action. This project would continue this work.						
	Location: UNIT - Conecuh Ra Forest.	anger District. STATE - Alabama.	COUNTY - Covingt	on, Escambia. Co	necuh National			
Popcorn Trees/Noxious Plants EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping start 09/01/1997 Estimated 215 comment 07/2006	Expected:08/2006	08/2006	Mark Garner 334-222-2555 mgarner@fs.fed.us			
	Description: Treat infestations of Popcorn Trees using herbicides							
	Location: UNIT - Conecuh Ra Forest.	anger District. STATE - Alabama.	COUNTY - Covingt	on, Escambia. Co	necuh National			

National Forests in Alabama	Oakmulgee Ranger District (e.	Dakmulgee Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R8 - Sout					
Non-native Invasive Plant Management EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping start 05/13/2005	Expected:02/2006	03/2006	Micah Thorning 318-793-9427 mthorning@fs.fed.us		
	Description: Elimination/cont	rol of cogon grass, kudzu, and othe	er Non-native Invasive spe	ecies.			
Location: UNIT - Oakmulgee Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Bibb, Dallas, Hale, Perry, Tuscaloosa. LEGAL - Entire District. Oakmulgee Ranger District.							

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National Forests in Alabama	Oakmulgee Ranger District (exclu	uding Projects occurring in more	than one District)		R8 - Southern Region		
Payne Lake Recreation Area Enhancement (Phase II) - Fishing	Wildlife, Fish, Rare plantsRecreation managementFacility management	In Progress: Scoping start 06/16/2003	Expected:04/2006	07/2006	Micah Thorning 318-793-9427 mthorning@fs.fed.us		
	Description: Enhancement of ba	ss and bluegill fishery. Improved a	ccess for fishermen.				
	Location: UNIT - Oakmulgee Oakmulgee Ranger	Ranger District. STATE - Alabam District.	na. COUNTY - Hale	. Payne Lake Rec	reation Area,		
Payne Lake Recreation Area Enhancement (Phase II) - recreation	Vegetation management (other than forest products)Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 10/2006	Expected:12/2006	01/2007	William Dunk 205-926-9765 wdunk@fs.fed.us		
DM	Description: Re-introduction of species, prescribed fire, removal of hazard trees, install interpretive signs, trail system improvements, timber management, vegetation management, improve facilities.						
	Location: UNIT - Oakmulgee Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Hale. Payne Lake Recreation Area, Oakmulgee Ranger District.						
Perry Mountain Enduro DM	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 11/02/2005	11/2005	William Dunk 205-926-9765 wdunk@fs.fed.us		
	Description: The Perry Mountain Motorcycle Club has filed an application to hold an enduro on November 6, 2005						
	Location: UNIT - Oakmulgee Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Chilton. Along FS Roads and trails.						
Quail Habitat Enhancement DM	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping start 05/20/2005	Expected:03/2006	04/2006	Micah Thorning 318-793-9427 mthorning@fs.fed.us		
		Description: Growing season burns-3,000 ac., Plant warm season grasses, and forbs; replant in fall with cool season grasses, thin stands too thick to provide the open park-like conditions in selected stands with a grass and forbs layer					
	Location: UNIT - Oakmulgee	Ranger District. STATE - Alabam	na. COUNTY - Bibb	Hale. Oakmulgee	Ranger District, .		

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National Forests in Alabama	Oakmulgee Ranger District (excl	uding Projects occurring in more	than one District)		R8 - Southern Region			
RCW Habitat Enhancement - Midstory Removal EA EA	Wildlife, Fish, Rare plantsVegetation management(other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 02/2006	Expected:03/2006	04/2006	Micah Thorning 318-793-9427 mthorning@fs.fed.us			
	Description: RCW midstory removal using cut & leave or biomass removal on approximatly 700 acres. Location: UNIT - Oakmulgee Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Bibb, Chilton, Hale, Perry, Tuscaloosa. Oakmulgee Ranger District.							
Southern Pine Beetle Prevention and Suppression EA	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping start 05/18/2005	Expected:04/2006	06/2006	Joseph Fowler 205-926-9765 jofowler@fs.fed.us			
	Description: SPB prevention and suppression actions throughout the district Location: UNIT - Oakmulgee Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Bibb, Chilton, Dallas, Hale, Perry, Tuscaloosa. LEGAL - Entire district. All NF system lands on the Oakmulgee RD.							

National Forests in Alabama	Shoal Creek Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R8 - Southern Region							
Horse trail blue loop relocation DM	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping start 08/07/2005	Expected:12/2005	01/2006	Jorge Hersel 256-463-2273 jorgehersel@fs.fed.us			
	Description: Relocating portions of the blue loop of the horse trail Location: UNIT - Shoal Creek Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Cleburne. relocating on the west side of							
	sides of forest road	ction north of Coleman Lake) and the 540	ne north side of forest	road 500J. Also r	elocating on both			
Planting Shortleaf or Longleaf Pine - Shoal Creek Ranger District	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 10/2005	Expected:12/2005	12/2005	Jeff Gardner 256-463-2272 jeffgardner@fs.fed.us			
DM	Description: Planting Longleaf o	r shortleaf pine seedlings on appro	ximately 100 acres					
	Location: UNIT - Shoal Creek Ranger District, Tal	Ranger District. STATE - Alabam ladega NF.	a. COUNTY - Calho	oun, Clay, Cleburn	ne. Shoal Creek			

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National Forests in Alabama	Shoal Creek Ranger	District (excl	uding Projects occurring in mor	e than one District)		R8 - Southern Region	
Potter Mountain RCW Thinning DM	- Forest products		Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 01/2006	Expected:04/2006	05/2006	Jorge Hersel 256-463-2273 jorgehersel@fs.fed.us	
NEW LISTING			p to 70 acres of older mixed pine to respecies associated with woodla		rove habitat for the	red-cockaded	
			k Ranger District. STATE - Alabar and Cleburne counties.	ma. COUNTY - Call	noun, Cleburne. Na	ational Forest land	
Pre-commercial thinning DM *NEW LISTING*	- Vegetation mana (other than forest p		Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 12/2005	Expected:02/2006	02/2006	Jorge Hersel 256-463-2273 jorgehersel@fs.fed.us	
NEW LISTING	Description: Removal of diseased, deformed, off-site pine stems, and hardwood stems in younger longleaf and shortleaf plantations to allow for growth of desired species on approximately 200 acres.						
		Location: UNIT - Shoal Creek Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Calhoun, Clay, Cleburne. Shoal Creek Ranger District land in Calhoun, Cleburne, and Clay Counties.					
RCW Mid- story Removal DM	- Vegetation mana (other than forest p		Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 12/2005	Expected:02/2006	02/2006	Jorge Hersel 256-463-2273 jorgehersel@fs.fed.us	
NEW LISTING	Description: Remove approximately 500 acres of off-site pine stems (5.5- inches DBH and less) and hardwood stems (8 - inches DBH and less) in mature pine stands to improve habitat for the red-cockaded woodpecker.						
			Ranger District. STATE - Alabar	ma. COUNTY - Call	noun, Cleburne. Sl	noal Creek Ranger	
RCW Woodlands EA *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products		Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 01/2006	Expected:06/2006	08/2006	Jorge Hersel 256-463-2273 jorgehersel@fs.fed.us	
			pproximately 1000 acres of older poter and other species associated w			itat for the red-	
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Restoration of young loblolly pine stands to longleaf	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping start 08/22/2005	Expected:03/2006	06/2006	Jorge Hersel 256-463-2273 jorgehersel@fs.fed.us			
NEW LISTING	restoration treatmer	Description: remove loblolly pine approx 10-35 yrs in age on selected upland sites using com and or non- commercial restoration treatments up to 1000 ac.followed by site prep most likely RX burning and replanting of these areas w/ containerized longleaf seedlings						
	Location: UNIT - Shoal Creel Comparts 16 thru 6	k Ranger District. STATE - Alabar 4, 79, 86, 87,88,93.	ma. COUNTY - Call	noun, Clay, Cleburr	ne. District wide			

National Forests in Alabama	tional Forests in Alabama Talladega Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R8 - Southern Re							
Amend Coosa Valley Electric Cooperative Special Use to Manage Vegetation on ROW	- Special area management	In Progress: Scoping start 07/07/2005	Expected:12/2005	04/2006	Thomas Melvin (256)362-2909 tmelvin@fs.fed.us			
EA	Description: Current maintenance of these lines is being done with mowing and/or hand tools. CVEC proposes to amend Special Use Permit to include the use of low volume spray herbicide applications to target individual woody a non-native, invasive plant sp							
	Location: UNIT - Talladega Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Talladega. LEGAL - Sections 16, 21, 28, 33, 35 Township 19 South, Range 6 East; Sections 4, 9, 8 Township 20 South, Range 6 East; Sections 6, 17 Township 21 South, Range 6 East. Electric Distribution line rights-of-way crossing Forest Service lands primarily along and adjacent to Highway 77, (5 to 10 miles) southeast of Talladega, AL.							
FY 2006 Burning DM	 Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants Vegetation management (other than forest products) Fuels manage 	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 10/2005	Expected:11/2005	12/2005	Thomas Melvin (256)362-2909 tmelvin@fs.fed.us			
	Description: Rough Reduction(f Location: UNIT - Talladega Talladega Division	Ranger District. STATE - Alabama	a. COUNTY - Tallade	ga. Talladega N	ational Forest -			

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National Forests in Alabama	Talladega Ranger District (exclu	ding Projects occurring in more t	han one District)		R8 - Southern Region
Georgia Aster Expansion Project DM	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping start 06/14/2005	Expected:10/2005	10/2005	Thomas Melvin (256)362-2909 tmelvin@fs.fed.us
		ve effort with Souhern Companies, A pecies - Georgia Aster. Another for rial.			
		Ranger District. STATE - Alabama and Adjacent to Albama Power line i	•	alladega. LEGAL	- T20S, R5E,
Non -Native Invasive Species Treatment EA	Wildlife, Fish, Rare plantsVegetation management(other than forest products)Road managem	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 09/2005	Expected:10/2005	04/2006	Thomas Melvin (256)362-2909 tmelvin@fs.fed.us
		able plant species with herbicides Ranger District. STATE - Alabama	. COUNTY - Clay, T	ālladega. Tallade	ga National Forest.
Red-cockaded Woodpecker (RCW) Translocation Thinning Project	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping start 02/07/2005	Expected:12/2005	01/2006	Thomas Melvin (256)362-2909 tmelvin@fs.fed.us
EA		ees and remove the midstory on appeared between current RCW recruitment.			
		Ranger District. STATE - Alabama and T21S, R4E in sections 25 & 26	•	•	•

National Forests in Alabama	Tuskegee Ranger District	(excluding Projects occurring in mo	re than one District)		R8 - Southern Region
Closure of Forest Service Road 900-North,Tuskegee RD	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping start 04/16/2004	Expected:12/2005	02/2006	Jorge Hersel 334-727-2652
EA					jorgehersel@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposed cl	osure of FSR Road 900-North for admi	nistrative use only.		
		kegee Ranger District. STATE - Alabate Highway 186, in Sections 1, 2, 11 of			
	INOITH OF Sta	te migriway 100, in Sections 1, 2, 11 or	117N, RZ4E. Tuskegee I	valionai Forest, P	Mapania.

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Non-native Invasive Species Treatment EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Road managem	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 10/2005	Expected:03/2006	05/2006	Jorge Hersel 334-727-2652 jorgehersel@fs.fed.us
	Description: control by using the	following methods: chemical, mec	hanical or handtools		
	Location: UNIT - Tuskegee F Tuskegee National	Ranger District. STATE - Alabama Forest.	. COUNTY - Macon	. National Forests	in Alabama -
Precommercial Thinning Project-Tuskegee RD DM	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping start 07/01/2005	Expected:11/2005	12/2005	Jorge Hersel 334-727-2652 jorgehersel@fs.fed.us
	Description: Precommercial Thir	nning approximately 200 acres of le	ess than sixteen year	old Longleaf Pine F	Plantations
	Location: UNIT - Tuskegee F Tuskegee National	Ranger District. STATE - Alabama Forest.	. COUNTY - Macon	. National Forests	in Alabama -
Relocate Bartram Trail Segment	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 08/2005	Expected:10/2005	11/2005	Jorge Hersel 334-727-2652 jorgehersel@fs.fed.us
	Description: Re-route 150 feet o	f trail			
	Location: UNIT - Tuskegee F Bartram Trail.	Ranger District. STATE - Alabama	. COUNTY - Macon	. Tuskegee Nation	nal Forest -
Southern Pine Beetle Control DM	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest produ	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 07/2005	Expected:07/2005	07/2005	Willie Humphrey 334-727-2652 whumphrey@fs.fed.us
	Description: Various activities to contain or control southern pine beetle outbreak				
	Location: UNIT - Tuskegee F	Ranger District. STATE - Alabama	. COUNTY - Macon	. Tuskegee Nation	nal Forest.

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